

## FOREWORD

The Texas Legislative Manual is a special information publication primarily designed as a reference tool for legislators. It contains the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, the House, Senate, and Joint Rules of Procedure for the current session, the membership and standing committee appointments of both houses of the legislature, and lists of legislative officers, employees, and media representatives.

The manual is updated biennially at the beginning of a new legislative session. Its loose-leaf format permits easy incorporation of changes and additions to the material by the insertion of dated replacement pages into the permanent binder.

The House and Senate Rules of Procedure are annotated to further assist the user of the manual. The annotations include past rulings on points of order, congressional precedents, and editorial notes and comments.

The journal sources for rulings on points of order that appear in the Senate and House Rules are cited. For example, the citation (27 H.J. Reg. 1162 (1901)) refers to the 27th Legislature, House Journal, Regular Session, page 1162, and the year 1901. Senate Journals are denoted by "S.J.".

Congressional precedents were taken from Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives, which gives precedents up to 1904, and from Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives, the most recently published supplement to Hinds'. Wherever congressional precedents appear in the rules of either house, the source is cited; e.g., (H.P., 5, 5760) refers to Hinds' Precedents, Volume 5, Section 5760. Cannon's Precedents are denoted by "C.P.".

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